

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A restaurant videoconferencing system comprising:

DI a) a first plurality of booths in at least a first restaurant located in a first geographic location, a number of the first plurality of booths being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons, wherein the plurality of first booths are open to each other to promote a restaurant interactive social atmosphere;

b) a second plurality of booths in at least a second restaurant located in a second geographic location, a number of the second plurality of booths being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons, wherein the plurality of first booths are open to each other;

c) the number of booths in each of the first and second locations being equipped with at least one viewing screen and connected via a private network providing both videoconferencing between booths in different geographic locations and multi-media access for each booth, wherein each booth has a table with a plurality of seating areas, the plurality of seating areas arranged so that viewing screen is sized and located to be visible from the plurality of seating areas, and the table sized to accommodate serving a meal to a plurality of individuals in the seating areas;

wherein each booth has high speed internet access, access to cable or satellite TV, access to computer games and programs, and access to productivity tools and resources;

wherein the booths in each of the restaurants:

i) contain videoconferencing equipment that is part of the restaurant and which enables booths to videoconference with other booths within the videoconferencing system, and

ii) are connected to a point of sale system adapted to track and charge use of the multimedia access and videoconferencing by patrons in each booth.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the booths of the first geographic location are in a different time zone from the booths in the second geographic location.

3. canceled.

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4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each booth has access to ~~one or~~ both of cable TV and satellite TV.

5. canceled.

6. canceled.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each location also includes at least one room, each room having videoconferencing capability with a room or booth in a different location.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein each location has computers stations with videoconferencing capability in addition to the rooms and booths.

9. (currently amended) A method of restaurant videoconferencing comprising the steps of:

a) providing a plurality of videoconferencing booths in each of a number of restaurants, each restaurant in a particular geographic location, the plurality of videoconferencing booths of each restaurant being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons wherein the plurality of videoconferencing booths are open to each other to promote a restaurant interactive social atmosphere, wherein each booth has a table and a plurality of seating areas, the plurality of seating areas arranged so that viewing screen is sized and located to be visible from the plurality of seating areas, and the table sized to accommodate serving a meal to a plurality of individuals in the seating areas; and

b) conducting videoconferencing between users in at least two booths in different restaurant locations while offering food and/or beverages to the users in each booth as well as onsite technical assistance, wherein the booths in the number of restaurants are interconnected by a private videoconferencing network and contain videoconferencing equipment as part of the restaurant and which enables booths to videoconference with other booths; and

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c) wherein each of internet surfing, computer gaming, resources and computer programs are provided during step (a) and one or more of cable TV viewing, broadcast TV viewing, satellite TV are provided during step (a); and a plurality of individuals are present at each booth and interact at each booth for one of social and business pleasure in a public setting; and

c) wherein patrons in each booth are charged for videoconferencing and services of step (c) using a point of sale system.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the restaurants are in different time zones.

11. canceled.

12. canceled.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, comprising providing videoconferencing capability in rooms and computer stations in addition to the booths for users of the restaurant.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, comprising providing videoconferencing capability in rooms and computer stations situated in each location in addition to the booths for users of the restaurant

15. canceled.

16. (once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein multiple parties interact at each booth for one of social and business pleasure in a public setting.

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20. (previously added) The method of claim 11, wherein the countries are separated by an ocean.

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